

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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2 March 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--February 1985

I. GENERAL

A. As reported earlier, the Consulate intends to improve physical security around the main building. The first of the more visible changes planned could be seen this week as construction of a new 10-foot high iron perimeter fence got underway. There are no enhanced security measures planned at this time for St. John's building.

B. A 2-day China reporting conference was held at the Consulate 28 Feb-1 Mar. State, USIS, and military representatives from Beijing, the consulates at Shanghai, Shenyang, and Guangzhou, Taiwan, and Washington attended. [] sat in as an observer during the first day's sessions which covered PRC foreign and domestic policy issues. Five participants visited the bureau the afternoon of the second day for a short briefing and tour.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

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1. Starting 3 March, a staff editor will be scheduled to work each Sunday shift on a regular basis. Heretofore, [] had handled all priority editorial tasks while carrying out his regular Sunday monitorial duties. Recently, with the addition of AFP coverage and more action generally on Sundays, the editorial workload has increased. Editors have had to be called in overtime to assist []. With a staff editor on duty, [] will be able to devote full time to monitoring activities. Associate editors will be given some slot duties during the Mon-Fri dayshifts to smooth out the editorial work schedule.

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2. Bureau monitors observed that Philippine President Marcos sounded unusually tired and unresponsive during a 26 February press conference. This was reported to LRB, comparing his slurred words and tired response on that occasion to an enthusiastic speech he had delivered just 9 days earlier. LRB requested that both tapes be sent into Headquarters for evaluation.

3. Coverage of Wellington radio, which we undertook more or less as an ad hoc initiative in late January when the U.S. nuclear ship port call issue erupted, continued during the month. A number of items were selected from this source as the U.S.-New Zealand dispute raged on.

4. We have started receiving Beijing JINGJI RIBAO, the economics daily, the day after publication. The paper is being supplied by the same news vendor who gets us RENMIN RIBAO on the day of publication. It had been taking us 5-7 days to get the paper.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of Sharon Horton, head of the Trade Development Program (TDP), copies of items on Philippine economic issues and certain PRC trade and development projects are being forwarded to her. TDP is one of the U.S. Government offices located in our building.

2. The bureau has been sending occasional video tapes directly to Camp Zama, Japan at their request. They are providing replacement tapes. Interest in receiving such tapes was reiterated during a recent visit to the bureau by a DIA official from Zama. (see "Visitors") He was told that we had no objection to an occasional ad hoc request for a tape providing they continued to replace the tapes. He said they would carefully monitor the number of requests and insure that they not get out of hand. The direct requests to the bureau were prompted by what he referred to as the "hopeless delays" in getting such tapes through normal DIA channels via our VSLs. He said they had just received in early February a tape of the 1 October National Day parade in Beijing.

III. ADMINISTRATION

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A. The bureau gained one employee and lost another during the month, leaving us at our full T/O [redacted]. Our new teletype operator, [redacted] EODded on the 25th; [redacted] a monitor who had been with us nearly 3 years, resigned on 2 March to go to work for an advertising firm.

B. Details of the Consulate's proposed new retirement plan for local employees were released during the month. But the premature release of the plan merely served to create a lot of confusion in the minds of most Consulate locals. The plan, as it was publicized, is only what State would like to see implemented. The Consulate has yet to confirm that any local underwriters can agree to the terms and conditions requested by State. It appears that it will be some time yet before a plan is agreed to by all concerned. A copy of the State-proposed plan was given to Chief/Admin Staff during his visit here.

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C. Six bureau employees (the chief, the secretary, [redacted] and our junior technician) participated in the 2-week IBM PC training session [redacted]

IV. VISITS

STAT A. [redacted] computer trainer, to conduct the 2-week IBM PC training program, 3-17 February.

STAT B. [redacted] during an overnight layover enroute back from his trip to Australia, 6 February.

STAT C. Sharon Horton, chief of the Trade Development Program (TDP), and a senior TDP official from Washington, for a briefing on FBIS, 17 February.

STAT D. [redacted], DIA representatives from Camp Zama and Hawaii respectively, for a briefing on the bureau and FBIS while visiting other facilities in Hong Kong, 19 February.

STAT E. [redacted] for bureau familiarization as part of a visit to the Far East bureaus, 27 February-3 March.

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 Bureau Chief

Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Original and 3 - Hqs
C/Bangkok
C/Okinawa
C/Seoul

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 515,381
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 76,380
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 1,281

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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

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5,651 10,144 362

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	520
BEIJING CITY SERVICE IN	
	950
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN	
TAPLOG	990
CHANGSHA JUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	6,840
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	8,540
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	11,640
GUILIN GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	4,080
HAKKOK HAKKOK ISLAND SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	2,950
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	7,080
LIAZHOU GUANG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	5,036
LHASA KIENZI REGIONAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	7,260
NINGHUA GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	6,960
SHIJIZHOURU HESEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	5,200
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	5,160
TENGCHONG CITY SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	0
WEIJING XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	8,750
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	14,480
WUHAN SHANNXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	6,480
XINING XIGANG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	5,580
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANHARDIN	7,360
BEIJING HINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN	
CHINESE	9,970
BEIJING CHONGMING FENHIN SHE IN	
CHINESE	10,370
BEIJING HUANG YUE FAN IN	
CHINESE	10,760
BEIJING JIABAO WENXIAO IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING BEIJING REUTER IN	
ENGLISH	3,780
BEIJING BEIJING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	2,870
BEIJING BEIJING XINBIAO IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN	
ENGLISH	32,894
BEIJING CHINASAT ZHOUBAO IN	
CHINESE	200
BEIJING CHONGMING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	4,840
BEIJING CHONGMING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	25,540
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING HONGDIAO IN	
CHINESE	115,160
BEIJING JIAPANGAO WENJI IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJIDU JIANGUO IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	31,610
BEIJING LIPOBANG IN	
CHINESE	17,960
BEIJING LISHE YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING HONGSHI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	3,830
BEIJING PEKIN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	115,310
BEIJING SHIJIET JINGJI IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIET LISHI IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIET ZHIMI IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING XIAOKE YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	17,870
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAXI BAO IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO CHONGMING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1,660
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
CHONGMING CHONGMING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU HUAFANG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	2,620
GUANGZHOU HUANGCHENG WANGBO IN	
CHINESE	4,270
HAKKOK HAKKOK ZIBAO IN	
CHINESE	780
HEFEI ANHUI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1,560
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	15,920
LIAZHOU LIAZHOU WANGBO IN	
CHINESE	1,910
SHANGHAI SHANGHAI ZIBAO IN	
CHINESE	5,310
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
WUHAN CHONGMING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	360
WUHAN HUPEI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
XIAN SHANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1,540
YINCHUAN NEIMONGOL RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	700
ZHENGZHOU HENAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	4,950

HONG KONG
 HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN
 ENGLISH 690
 HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCAST LIMITED IN
 ENGLISH 0
 HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN
 ENGLISH 260
 HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ENGLISH 230
 HONG KONG AFP IN
 ENGLISH 78,330
 HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN
 ENGLISH 3,420
 HONG KONG CHANWANG IN
 CHINESE 0
 HONG KONG CHENG MING IN
 CHINESE 9,290
 HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTRI IN
 CHINESE 2,500
 HONG KONG CHING PRO IN
 CHINESE 6,440
 HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN
 ENGLISH 2,960
 HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD IN
 ENGLISH 6,770
 HONG KONG HSIN WAN PRO IN
 CHINESE 4,640
 HONG KONG KUANG CHIHO CHING IN
 CHINESE 0
 HONG KONG KING PAO IN
 CHINESE 2,190
 HONG KONG PAT HSING IN
 CHINESE 6,410
 HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN
 ENGLISH 17,550
 HONG KONG TA KUNG PRO IN
 CHINESE 6,630
 HONG KONG TA KUNG PRO IN
 ENGLISH 1,140
 HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN
 CHINESE 3,790

NEW ZEALAND
 WELLINGTON OVERSEAS SERVICE IN
 ENGLISH 6,800

PHILIPPINES
 DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN
 TAGALOG 290
 MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN
 ENGLISH 9,560
 MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN
 TAGALOG 1,110
 MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN
 TAGALOG 480
 QUEZON CITY MAHARLIKA BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN
 ENGLISH 23,660
 QUEZON CITY MAHARLIKA BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN
 TAGALOG 0
 DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN
 ENGLISH 2,240
 DAVAO CITY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN
 ENGLISH 0
 DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN
 ENGLISH 1,610
 MANILA BULLETIN TODAY IN
 ENGLISH 5,350
 MANILA BUSINESS DAY IN
 ENGLISH 26,890
 MANILA METRO MANILA TIMES IN
 ENGLISH 6,120
 MANILA PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN
 ENGLISH 6,760
 MANILA PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN
 ENGLISH 0
 MANILA TIMES JOURNAL IN
 ENGLISH 3,590
 QUEZON CITY ANG PRAYAGANG MALAYA IN
 ENGLISH 18,440
 QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN
 ENGLISH 7,440